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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SHANBROM, Edward

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For: ENHANCERS FOR MICROBIOLOGICAL  
DISINFECTION

Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: A. Pryor

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly enter the following amendment into  
the application continued by the accompanying request for continued examination  
(RCE) made under 37 CFR 1.11:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claims 2, and 14-16 without prejudice.

Kindly replace the text of Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, and 13 with the following text  
according to revised Rule 121 (marked-up claim copy is located at the end of this

(paper):

1. (Twice Amended) A method for enhancing the antimicrobial  
2. effectiveness of an antibiotic comprising the step of combining the antibiotic with at least 1%  
3. by weight citric acid and or salts [or] of citric acid.